

9 February 1951

Vice Admiral J. L. Hall, Jr.
Commandant, Armed Forces Staff College
Norfolk 11, Virginia

Dear Admiral Hall:

Thank you for your letter of 26 January inviting me to talk to the Ninth Class of the Armed Forces Staff College on the subject of "Intelligence at the National Level". I will be glad to do this; but, in view of my uncertain schedule during the latter half of March, may I ask to postpone the date of my talk until the third or fourth week in April? If this is agreeable, I will ask my assistant, [redacted] to contact Captain Tolley with regard to a mutually convenient date and to work out details pertaining to my trip to Norfolk.

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It should not be necessary to exclude the foreign officers from the talk but perhaps during the discussion period I may have to decline to answer questions dealing with certain aspects of our operations in the Central Intelligence Agency. This, however, would be the case even if the group were composed entirely of American officers.

I will look forward to my first visit to the Armed Forces Staff College and welcome this opportunity to acquaint your group of hand-picked and comparatively senior officers with the functions of the Central Intelligence Agency and our place in the national intelligence picture.

With kindest regards,

[redacted] Rank

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UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS IN MARCH. MARRIAGE WILL
BE IN MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA, 12:30 PM IN EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
FEBRUARY 10. HOPE YOU AND JANE WILL ATTEND IF IT FITS IN WITH
YOUR PLANS AND CONVENIENCE.

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(W.H. Jackson
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